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## Rep. Miller secures federal dollars for Sanilac County

Rep. Miller presents the Sanilac Transportation Authority with funding, participates in ground breaking ceremony

**SANDUSKY, MI**—Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) was in Sandusky, MI on Friday, March 7, 2008, to present the Sanilac Transportation Authority with federal funding totaling \$392,000 and participate in the ground breaking ceremony. This funding will assist in the construction of a bus garage.

This funding was included in the Omnibus domestic spending legislation that passed the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in December 2007.

This is the third time Rep. Miller has secured federal funding for the Sanilac Transportation Authority. In FY 2004, Miller secured \$500,000 and in FY 2006, Miller secured \$100,000. Those funds were used for design and construction of their new building.

"These projects are good for Michigan and a good use of federal funds," Miller said. "The dredging of Lexington Harbor and Port Sanilac is critically important to recreational boaters and tourism in the county. And the construction of a bus garage is a needed improvement for the county's transportation system. I am proud to support these projects and the benefits they will have on the community."

“Rep. Miller has been a long-standing supporter of the county and our transportation system and we're so grateful for her hard work on our behalf.”  
Sanilac Transportation Director Onalee Pallas



Rep. Miller helps begin the building of the Sanilac Transportation Authority's new bus garage during a ground breaking ceremony.

Sanilac Transportation Director Onalee Pallas said, "This is great news and will enable us to complete the project."

Port Sanilac Harbor Master David Marshall said, "I am very thankful for Congresswoman Miller's hard work and recognition of the value that our recreational harbors have to the local economy."

## Five local fire departments receive more than \$1 million in funding

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Representative Candice Miller today announced that the Regional Alliance for Firefighter Training (RAFT) was selected by the Department of Homeland Security to receive \$1,084,000 under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Five fire departments are members of RAFT and will benefit from the grant: Harrison

Township, Macomb Township, St. Clair Shores, Shelby Township and Sterling Heights.

The grant will be used to purchase fund training for public safety officials in the area. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards funding to first-responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal pro-

TECTIVE equipment, and vehicles and provide scholarships for firefighters' training school. Miller released the follow statement:

"I am pleased this grant was awarded to such a deserving organization," Miller said. "The Regional Alliance for Firefighter Training works to prepare all our

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## Rep. Miller teams with U.S. Fish and Wildlife to present federal funding

Michigan wildlife partners receive \$379,192 to restore coastal wetlands habitat



**MACOMB, MI—** Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) was in Lenox Township, MI on March 3, 2008, for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's grant presentation to Michigan partners for a federal grant totaling \$379,192. This funding will be used to help control the spread of Phragmites in Lake St. Clair. The grant presentation will kick off Congresswoman Miller's Conservation Workshop. With this grant, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in partnership with Ducks Unlimited, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Charter Township of Harrison propose to restore over 800 acres of vital coastal wetlands habitat within the

Lakes Region Joint Venture and contains critical habitat for a variety of bird and fish species. In addition, these local partners will provide \$173,000 in match money.

Congresswoman Miller then promoted federal conservation programs that are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S.D.A.'s Natural Resources Conservation Service to our local partners who share her concern of our states natural resources. Participants left the program with a better understanding of the federal role in the conservation efforts and the information they could use to support their own conservation efforts.

Lake St. Clair watershed currently being threatened by the invasion of Phragmites. The project area is located within a primary focus area of the Upper Mississippi River/Great



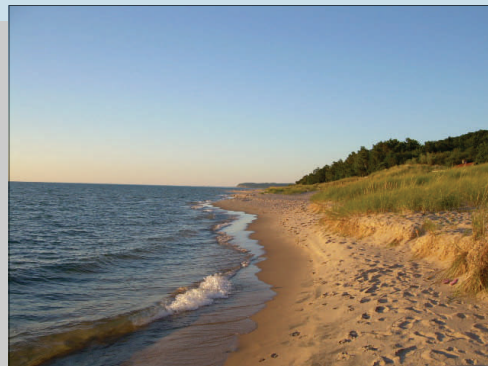
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## Ballast water legislation to reach House floor with Rep. Miller's support

**WASHINGTON, DC—** Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) expects ballast water legislation to be included in the upcoming floor schedule and be voted on by the full U.S. House of Representatives in the coming weeks.

"I am very pleased that this long-overdue legislation will finally go before the House," Miller said. "I have worked on this issue for many years and have had countless discussions with Michigan legislators, the Environmental Protection Agency, local water quality experts, and my colleagues on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee about eliminating the threat of



Rep. Miller fully supports the ballast water legislation soon to be considered by the House. Protecting the Great Lakes is one of her primary advocacies.

invasive species in ballast water from the Great Lakes.

"This is critically important legislation for me and the communities I serve and a major milestone towards protecting our magnificent Great Lakes. I am also pleased that the committee has addressed Michigan's concerns regarding implementation of this legislation.

"I look forward to the House debate and am very hopeful for it to be passed and sent to the Senate."

Michigan implemented its own ballast water requirement in 2007 in the absence of federal legislation. The federal legislation that will be before the House will ensure Michigan's law will remain in effect until full implementa-

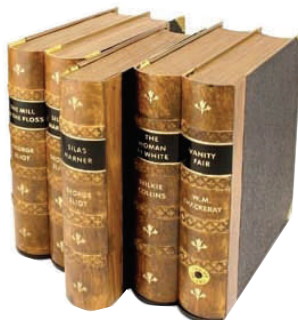


## Rep. Miller announces federal loan to aid local library renovations

Harbor Beach Area District Library receives a \$750,000 loan which will facilitate its renovations and expansions

WASHINGTON—U.S. Representative Candice Miller (MI-10) announced on March 5, 2008 that the Harbor Beach Area District Library will receive a loan for \$750,000. USDA Rural Development approved the loan to help fund renovations of the library, including an expansion of the library area, installing an elevator and stairwell, and converting a portion of its gym into a children's library.

"I am pleased to see this loan awarded to such a deserving organization," Miller said. "Our local libraries must have the funding necessary to provide educational resources to citizens. Increased public access to information not only benefits those living in the immediate area, but helps draw interest from those in surrounding communities. This money will help shine a spotlight on the great happenings in the Harbor Beach area."



Miller continued, "This is also a great opportunity for local organizations to realize how important it is to actively pursue federal loans and grants. I am pleased that I have been able to help provide access to information about the loans and grants offered by USDA Rural Development."

On four separate occasions, Congresswoman Miller hosted seminars informing local organizations of the USDA Rural De-

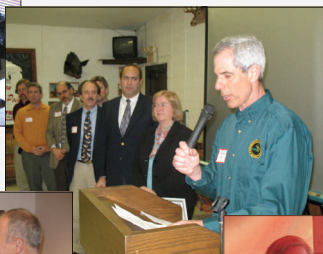
velopment loan and grant opportunities available to them. These included Nov. 5, 2007 at the Huron Area Technical Center, Oct. 29, 2007 at the Michigan State University Extension site in Sandusky, Oct. 22, 2007 at the Lapeer County Health Department, and Sept. 27, 2007 at the St. Clair Board of Commissioners Office.

Director of the Harbor Beach Area District Library Vicki Mazure said, "This is a great project for Harbor Beach and a great way for the whole community to access information with improved accessibility. This is a historical building that is very important to our town. We are very pleased and grateful for the loan."

In addition to the loan, the Harbor Beach Area District Library will contribute \$167,210, fulfilling the \$917,210 needed to complete the project.

## Rep. Miller in the Community

Visiting with citizens of Michigan's 10th District



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public safety officials for their life-saving work. Through the classes RAFT provides, our brave firefighters and the people they serve will benefit through greater effectiveness and emergency preparedness. It is, as always, necessary for our first responders to be properly equipped so they can perform their invaluable work."

Harrison Township Fire Chief Carl Seitz said, "The synergy of these departments allows us to share our specific expertise to serve our communities better. This will help spread the cost of training and ties us into so many emergency response venues. The possibilities are endless. We are really excited about this."

RAFT brings together fire departments and community colleges in order to improve the training available for public safety officials. Through this alliance, training courses are available that include Safety Officer, Arson Investigation, Risk Management, Fire Inspector, Company Officer, Mass Casualty and Extrication.

## Article: Harrison Twp.: Miller on security panel

Detroit News

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, has been selected as a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security. The committee oversees the Cabinet-level department and handles issues including transportation security, border and port security, and emergency preparedness.

Miller says the spot will allow her to build a stronger presence of homeland security assets at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. As a result of the new posting, Miller will leave her seat on the House Armed Services Committee.

## Article: Miller to join security committee

Detroit Free Press

U.S. Rep Candice Miller is leaving the House Armed Services Committee for the Committee on Homeland Security, and, if her news release on the move is any indication, she's excited about the new job.

The Harrison Township Republican says her new committee post will allow her to focus on issues near and dear to her heart — bolstering a Homeland Security presence at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and making sure the northern border is secure.



Rep. Miller now sits on the House Committee on Homeland Security.

## Rep. Miller announces St. Clair Community College gets \$2 million grant

Funds will be used for job training program aimed at educating those studying transportation distribution and logistics

WASHINGTON, DC—Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) announced on March 11, 2008 that St. Clair County Community College was awarded a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for job training in the areas of transportation distribution and logistics. St. Clair County Community College will partner with Mott Community College, the Chrysler Axle plant in Marysville, and several other business and job training agencies to train over 400 workers in this industry. The grant is part of the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants program, which seeks to strengthen the role of community colleges in promoting the U.S. workforce's full potential.

"This grant will provide an important boost to potential employees and employers in the region," Miller said.

"Michigan has no shortage of workers and this grant will provide opportunity to more and more people in Southeast Michigan. St. Clair County Community College is doing our community, businesses, and employees a tremendous service by training workers in the field of transportation distribution and logistics.

"The partnership between St. Clair County and Mott Community Colleges, Chrysler, and other local businesses demonstrates the commitment we all have to utilizing the highly skilled workers we have and transitioning these workers into in-demand fields."

Dr. Rose Bellanca, president of St. Clair County Community College, said, "We are thrilled to be the leader on this job-training project. We have formed a collaboration with Mott Community College and more than a dozen other business,

education and industry partners that will result in programs and training for existing and new workers in the tracking and movement of goods. This is especially significant because of St. Clair County's location on an international border and the nine-county region that is home to major global manufacturers and suppliers."

This competitive grant program builds on the High Growth Job Training Initiative, a national model for demand-driven workforce development implemented by strategic partnerships among the workforce investment system, employers, and community colleges. The primary purpose of Community Based Job Training Grants is to build the capacity of community colleges to train workers in the skills required to succeed in high growth, high demand industries.



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## Committee on Homeland Security selects Rep. Miller as member

WASHINGTON, DC—Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) announced on March 11, 2008 that she was selected as a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security. This move will allow her to focus her efforts on building a stronger presence of homeland security assets at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, enhancing homeland security efforts in our airways, roadways, railways and seaways, fortifying safe and secure food and water supplies and protecting the Northern Border.

"Since my arrival in Congress I have advocated for an enhanced homeland security presence at Selfridge and for a greater focus on northern border security," Miller said. "This posting will allow me to focus on those important issues."

Miller continued, "Since my election to Congress, I have recognized the critical role Michigan must play if we are to adequately defend our nation. I was the first to propose the concept of Selfridge as the Midwest regional homeland security headquarters, which has garnered broad support in Michigan and in Washington. This new post will allow me to push for more resources at Selfridge and throughout Southeast Michigan to ensure the security of our nation and of the people in this vital region of the country."

Congressman Peter King, Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Committee said, "Congresswoman Candice Miller has been a leader in advocating for improvement in our homeland security. Her addition to the committee will help us to put a sharper focus on northern border security and protecting our nation from the threats we face in a dangerous world."

“I am honored that Republican leadership in the House asked me to take on this important committee assignment which will allow me to address the challenges of our nation, state and district.”  
Congresswoman Candice Miller

As a result of this new posting Miller will be leaving her seat on the House Armed Services Committee. Miller used her seat on the Armed Services Committee to act as a strong advocate during Base Realignment Closure (BRAC) process on behalf of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. As a result of her action and those of others Selfridge was protected from closure by the commission in 2005.

"It has been an honor to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and I am glad that through a collaborative effort we were

able to keep Selfridge open during the last BRAC round," Miller said. "I now believe that much of the future growth at the base will be in the area of homeland security and this new committee assignment will allow me to be an even stronger advocate for the future of Selfridge. I will also continue to be a strong advocate for our active duty, reserve and National Guard personnel and border patrol agents at the base and for veterans throughout the region."

The Committee on Homeland Security was established in 2002 to provide Congressional oversight for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and better protect the American people against a possible terrorist attack. Many of the programs at Selfridge and the armed service reserves throughout the 10th Congressional District fall under the purview of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Committee on Homeland Security provides oversight for the department and handles issues dealing with transportation security, border and port security, critical infrastructure protection, cyber security and science and technology, emergency preparedness, emerging threats, intelligence and information sharing, investigations and management and procurement.